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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
 Yukitoshi KOBAYASHI et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
 Application No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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 For: ACTUATOR HAVING A WAVE )  
 GEAR REDUCTION DRIVE )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please enter the following amendment.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 4-6 as follows:

4. (Amended) The actuator according to claim 1, wherein the flexible external gear is of a cup shape having the annular diaphragm that extends radially inward from an end of the body portion and the boss that is formed as a continuous part of the inner edge of the diaphragm, and the second bearing is supported by an annular bearing holder attached to the boss.

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